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1848-1875

200-240 E. Montgomery St. (North side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

The majority of the three story high, two and three bay wide brick houses along this side of Montgomery St. were built by Samuel Bratt between 1853 and 1871 for the rising number of middle class residents in the area. The group of houses extending from 206-218 E. Montgomery St. were originally all built with gable roofs but a number have had their rooflines remodeled to resemble shed roofs with simple bracketed cornices. The group of houses built by Bratt between 220 and 240 E. Montgomery St. were built after the Civil War in the currently fashionable Italianate style, with shed roofs and bracketed cornices. The large three story, three bay wide brick house with shed roof and simple modillion cornice at 200 E. Montgomery St. was built in 1848 (with a gable roof) by John Watchman, partner of Bratt in the firm of Watchman and Bratt, steam engine manufacturers, whose business was located to the rear of these properties along Hughes St. At 202-204 E. Montgomery St. is a pair of two story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornice, built in the 1870's

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION — PART 1

(Pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1976)

1. Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No Certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received (P.L. 94-455). Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse of a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate Historic Preservation Officer at any time during the year, and may be sent separately or with Part 2.

PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. NAME OF PROPERTY:

Address of property: Street 230 East Montgomery Street
City Baltimore County _____ State Maryland Zip Code 21230
Name of historic district in which property is located: Federal Hill

2. DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:

(see instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)

See ATTACHED sheet

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

(use reverse side if necessary)

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Date of construction (if known): About 1878 ☒ Original site ☐ Moved Date of alterations (if known): 1978-79

4. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER:

Name MARY M.E.C. THOMAS
Street 109 Overhill Road
City Baltimore State Md. Zip Code 21210
Telephone Number (during day): Area Code 301 - 467-5547

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above.

Signature Mary M.E.C. Thomas Date 1/15/80

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The structure described above is included within the boundaries of the National Register historic district and ☒ contributes ☐ does not contribute to the character of the district.

The structure ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).

The structure is located in a district which ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6), ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60), and ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to contribute to the character of said district.

Signature [Signature] Date 3-28-80
State Historic Preservation Officer

This property has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Department of the Interior (36 CFR 67) and, if subject to depreciation under section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954,

☐ is ☐ is not certified a historic structure.

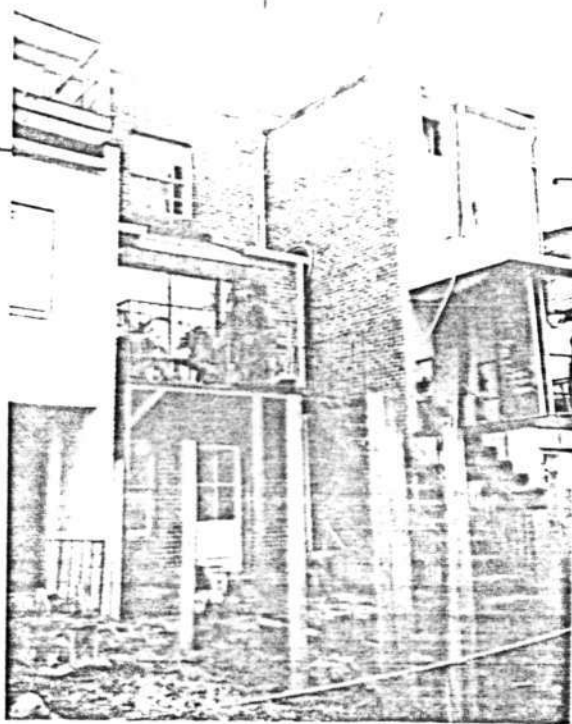
☐ does not contribute to the character of the historic district and does not merit certification as a historic structure. Reasons given on the attached sheet.

Signature _____ Date _____
Keeper of the National Register

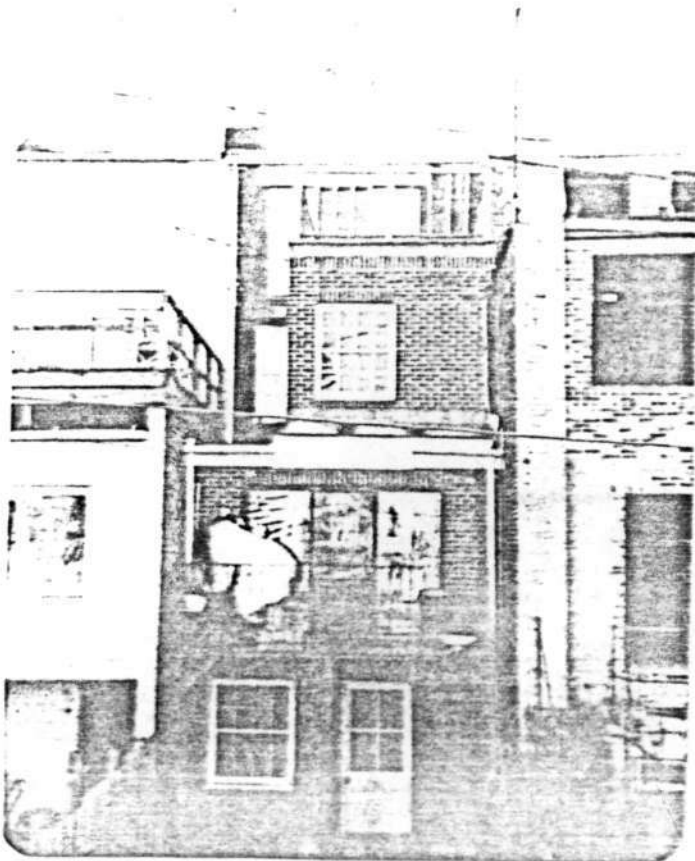
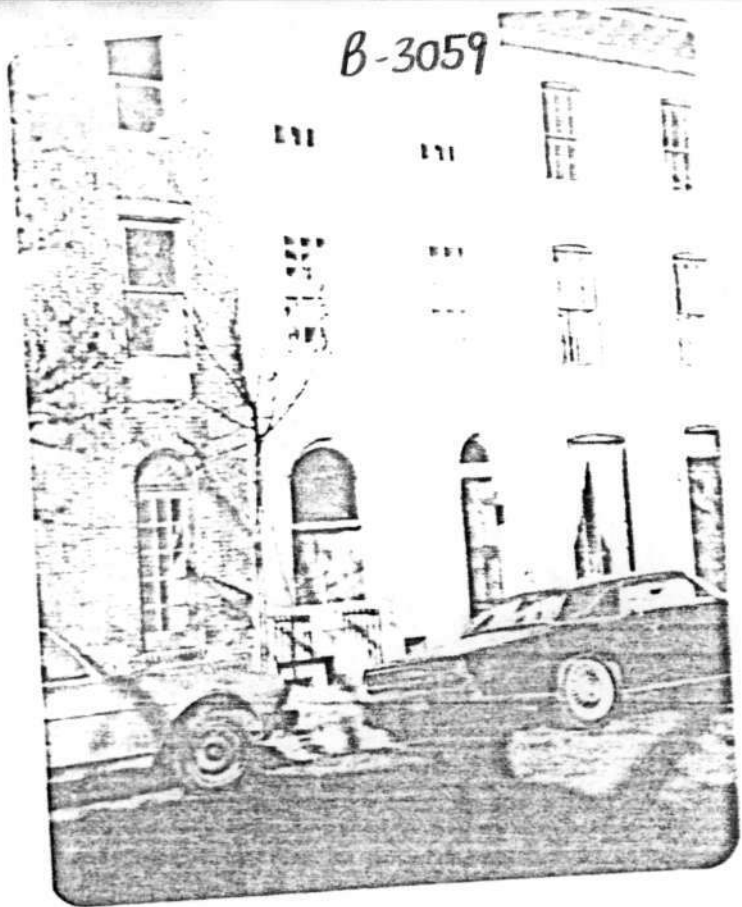
230 East Montgomery Street is a three story brick house with interesting, decorative woodwork along the roof line. It is located on a deadend street which ends at historic Federal Hill. The exterior has been pointed up and painted. The second and third floor windows have been replaced with appropriate period windows. The front door has also been replaced by an appropriate period door.

The interior of the house has undergone extensive renovation. The first floor brick fireplace has been totally rebuilt. Two period staircases have replaced the former ones, and two full bathrooms added. All the hardware on the doors and windows are reproduction. The house is one of many houses in this block, adjacent to Federal Hill, that have undergone restoration, as the area is a designated historic district. The house was built in approximately 1878 and the restoration took place in 1978-79.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

226 - 232 E. Montgomery St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED (220)	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This group of three story brick houses with shed roofs and modillion cornice was built as a unit as part of the post-Civil War development of the upper end of this side of Montgomery St.

The houses are three stories in height, 15' wide, and occupy lots 75' deep. Because the lots slope sharply to the north, the houses are four stories in height at the rear. Each originally has a three story, one bay deep and wide stair hall section joining the main structure with a three story, two bay deep brick rear addition (corresponding to the basement, first and second floor levels of the main house). This arrangement survives only at 228 E. Montgomery St. (the one house of the group that has not been restored). The others have modern additions. That of 226 E. Montgomery is in the process of being constructed. It will be three stories in height and two bays deep. 230 has a full width, two story high, two bay deep flat roof addition joining the stair hall extension of the main house; 232 has a two story high, two bay deep flat roof addition with sun deck. The houses are constructed in running bond. 226 E. Montgomery has a single rectangular chimney located along its west end wall and 232 has a double rectangular chimney located along its west end wall. 228 has a single hooded chimney located along its east end wall and a wide rear end chimney located at the north end of the kitchen addition.

The houses have a shed roof with a continuous cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding supported by a row of carved modillions bordered by a row of cut-work scallops. There is a plain wooden frieze area decorated with a single molding strip. The cornice is supported by carved end brackets, placed at either end of the group.

Each of the houses has a slightly different door and window lintel design, due to later owner's changes, but the original idea seems to have been that the outer two units in the group (226 and 232) had segmentally arched lintels on the second and third floor windows and the inner members of the group (228 and 230) had flat lintels. All of the houses had round arched lintels on the first floor openings. Today this arrangement survives at 226 and 230 E. Montgomery which both have round arched lintels on the first floor openings. The second and third floor window openings of 226 have segmentally arched brick lintels, the upper panes of glass cut to fit the curve of the arch; the second and third floor openings of 230 have splayed brick lintels. All of the window openings of 226 and 230 were filled with 1/1 sash, until 230 recently had its sash replaced by new 6/6 sash. 228 E. Montgomery has a round arched door lintel but has flat wood lintels and sills on all of its window openings. The windows are filled with 1/1 sash. 232 E. Montgomery now has segmentally arched brick door and first floor window lintels with scroll-sawed tympanum, in addition to the segmentally arched lintels of the second and third floors. The wide first floor window is filled with a 20-light panel; the second and third floor windows are double hung with new 6/6 sash. All of the first floor sills are stone, except for 228, which is wood. The upper windows of 226 have stone sills; those of 228 and 230 have wood sills; and those of 232 have brick header sills.

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7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

226 - 230 E. Montgomery St., cont.

The original doorway arrangement had a round arched single light transom, bordered by a row of carved dentils. This survives at 226 and 230. At 228 the single light transom has been replaced by a fanlight and at 230 the single light transom is cut to fit the segmental arch above. 226 and 228 both have glass and panel doors, with 15 light set within a plain wood frame. 230 has a late Victorian glass and panel door, with a single long vertical panel set within a plain wood frame. 232 has a modern six panel door. The houses sit on low basements, the entrances being reached by two wide stone steps at 230 and 232, two brick steps at 228, and three stone steps at 226. Each house has a small coal opening located directly to the left of the steps, and stairs set perpendicular to the street leading down to a basement door set several feet below the sidewalk, under the first floor window.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1870

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Samuel Bratt

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This row of houses is significant as being one of a fairly small group of large, Victorian-style houses built in the Federal Hill area. The houses were built by Samuel Bratt, formerly of the firm of Watchman and Bratt, who operated a steam engine manufactory at the corner of William and Hughes Sts. In the period 1852-1860 Bratt built a row of three-story gable roofed houses between 206 and 218 Montgomery St., but when he resumed building after the Civil War he adopted the currently more fashionable shed roofed, Victorian style. As with the earlier houses, these were built to accomodate the rising number of middle-class residents in the area who had prospered at local trades and businesses to the point where they could afford a large house with definite stylistic pretensions. Apart from the shed roof and bracketed cornice, however, these houses are essentially the same in plan as their gable-roofed predecessors.

For further details, see under 206-208 E. Montgomery St.

The first owners of these houses, were respectively, John Valentine, at 226 Montgomery St., who owned a restaurant on German St.; William J. Davis, at 228, who was a ship's carpenter; Martin Bians, at 230, who operated a hattery on Hanover St.; and Thomas Pearson, at 232, who was a member of the firm of Jones & Pearson, oyster packers.¹

¹Baltimore City Directory, 1872

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

4/79

STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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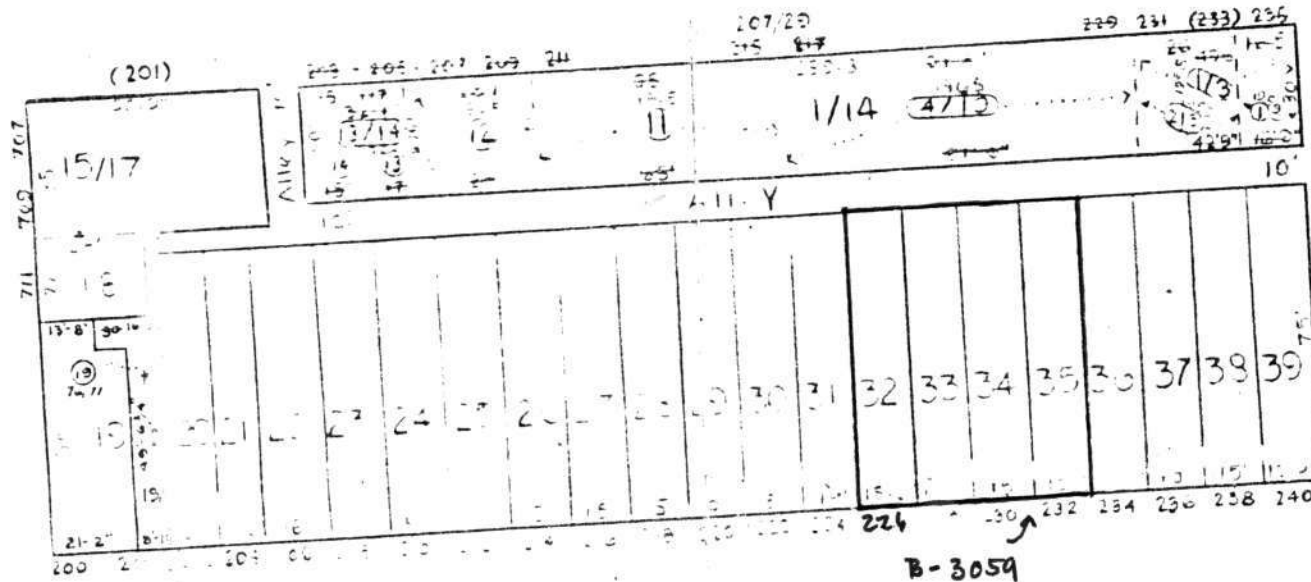
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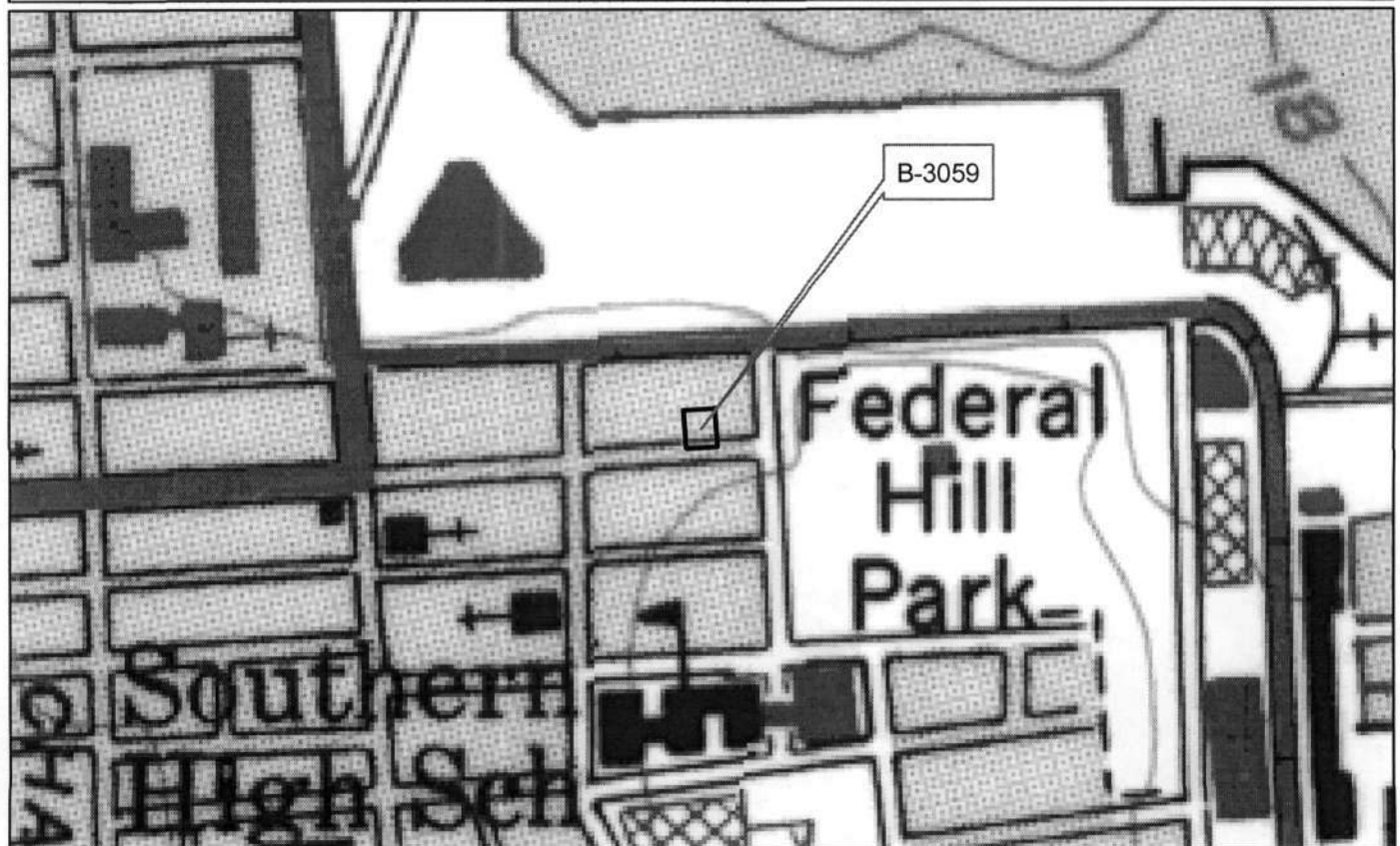
E. MONTGOMERY

ST.

BATTERY AVE.



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226-232 E. Montgomery Street
Block 0900 Lots 032-035
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





B-3059 226-232 E. Montgomery St.

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South elevation